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Mr. R. W. MacCannon
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RE: C. F. and I. Steel Corporation
Comstock Mine
ACT/021/005
Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. MacCannon:

Thank you and Mr. Woolsey for, meeting with Tom Tetting, Wayne Hedberg, Tom Portle, and Steve Cox of the Division staff, and accompanying them on a brief inspection tour of the Comstock Mine operations on August 3, 1983. The purpose of the visit was to familiarize staff members with the operation and to evaluate the current suspension of activities under Rule M-7(3) of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

As you know, operations at the Comstock Pit were indefinitely suspended on March 9, 1981. A letter from Mr. J.W. Gagliano, C. F. and I. Steel Corp., was received by the Division on September 3, 1982 outlining the circumstances surrounding the suspension. The suspension has been in effect for approximately two years now and, as explained to our staff during the visit, there are no plans to reactivate the mine until economic conditions improve.

Since the suspension will continue indefinitely, the Division requests that you submit the following information pursuant to Rule M-7(2). Please describe the current status of the operation, including measures being taken to prevent degradation of the site, the current status of any reclamation work being performed, and the probable future status of the mining operation. This information should be submitted as soon as possible in order to bring your file up to date, but received no later than October 28, 1983.

The Division has received and reviewed C. F. and I.'s summary and final report for revegetation test plots at the Comstock Pit. We are very

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encouraged by the results that were obtained and the recommendations presented for waste rock reclamation and revegetation. I would like to take this opportunity to commend C. F. and I. Steel Corporation for their efforts and thank you for your continued cooperation with the Division.

If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



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